

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, One of the best ways we can shape the future is to preserve what we value of our past. African Americans have a proud history and a rich heritage, and Black History Month gives us the opportunity to learn more about this important part of our nation's story; and

WHEREAS, With its focus on the values that have sustained African Americans through the centuries - unity, purpose, creativity, and faith, Black History Month emphasizes the importance of the continued journey to build a society that fully lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, Throughout our history, African Americans have shown great courage and determination in overcoming the educational, social, and legal systems of segregation; and

WHEREAS, This month, we recognize the courage and tenacity of so many hard-working Americans whose legacies are woven into the fabric of our nation. We are heirs to their extraordinary progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 2010 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Kentucky and commend this observance to all.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort
this 11th day of February, in the year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Ten and in the 218th year of the
Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

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Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

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